

HOT POTS

Some of Midway's highlights are it's natural warm springs. The geothermal water is thought by many to have curative powers. The early settlers built their homes and farms around these hot pots hoping the warm earth would lengthen the growing season, which it did. Baptisms by the LDS church were performed in some of these, especially one owned by the Buehler family close to where the Mountain Spa is now located. They would round up the baptismal candidates once a year, take them to the old Buehler Bath House, where usually one person would perform all the baptisms, rather than having each candidates their own father baptize him.

There are many "hot pots" in town, below are just a few. Some are well know some are not, all are enjoyable.



The Buehler Bath House

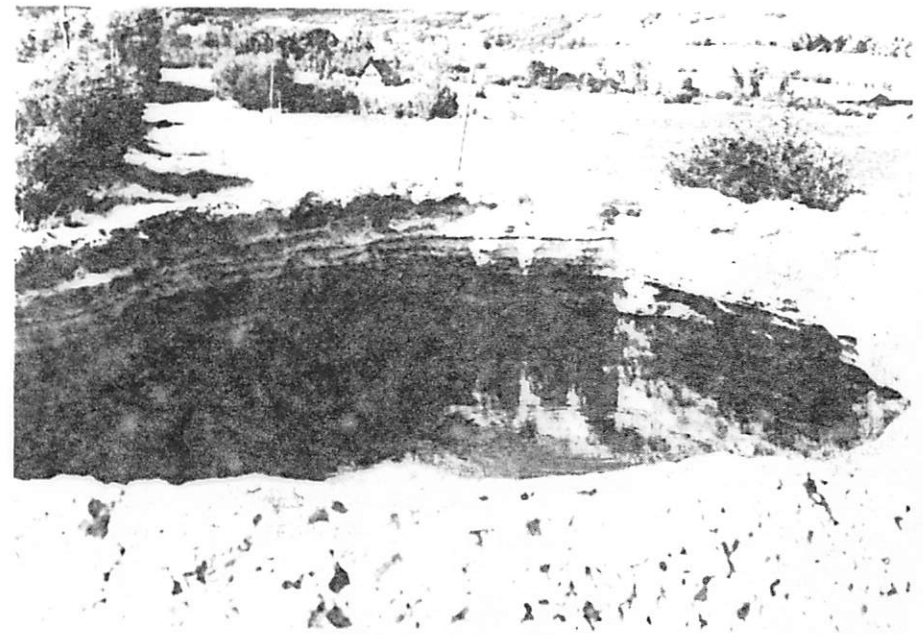
Buehler Hot Pots



Galli's Hot Pots

The hot pot crater at the Homestead is the highest of the craters in the area and they are numerous. Warm water saturated with lime coming up from great depths of the earth formed a crust over the clay base in our entire western area or Midway portion of the valley. This warm water overflowed in greater volume over those earlier years than it has in later years. There is no definite explanation except the digging of the mines in the Park City district and various other water research and digging in our own area must have caused the water table to drop to a degree. However this large crater overflowed while the pioneers were in the valley, and as it would build up the lime formation on the side where it presently was flowing off, the water would switch to the other side, (lower side), as it was constantly seeking the lower level, until the crater through long years, formed in this massive form.

As Schneitter Hot Pots first began, they accumulated the water and brought it into the swimming area, but it was constantly changing course and often times became filthy because of storm and dust. And so, several years ago they dug a tunnel into the mine through the crater and brought the water through the tunnel into the plunge, thus dropping the table from overflowing to a depth of about fifty feet. Many of the boys in the area would come to swim in this large crater. This was very dangerous for it is often repeated that two lines join together forming approximately six hundred feet in length have been tested to determine the depth of the crater but they claim that the weight constantly had a pull indicating there was no end at six hundred feet. It is unknown if any real test has been made, but it is often stated that the crater is without bottom.



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